

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the Specification as follows (markings indicate the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph):

Please replace the paragraph found at page 18, lines 13-14, with the following paragraph:

-- Synthesis Synthesis of (E) -3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid 4-nitrooxybutyl ester --